GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:352
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IMPLEMENTATION OF OILSEEDS PRODUCTION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have implemented `Oilseeds Production Programme` to augment oilseeds production in the country;

(b) if so, the amount spent under this programme during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether the Government make any assessment of the average production rate of the oilseeds;

(d) if so, the increase in the average production rate of oilseeds registered since 1998-99 till 2002-2003; and

(e) the minimum and maximum rate of production of oilseeds assessed in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI AJIT SINGH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 352 DUE FOR REPLY ON 7TH APRIL, 2003.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The amount spent under Oilseeds Production Programme(OPP) during the last 3 years is as under:-

Year	Amount Spent (Rs. In crores)
2000-01	93.62
2001-02	91.22
2002-03	76.00

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d): The production and productivity of oilseeds has fluctuated since 1998-99 till 2002- 2003 due to poor monsoons. In fact the production of oilseeds declined during last three years due to drought conditions prevailing in major oilseeds growing States in the country. The details of production and productivity of oilseeds during the above period are given below:-

Year	Production (Lakh tonnes)	Productivity (Kg./ha.)
1998-99	247.5	944
1999-2000	207.1	853
2000-2001	184.4	810
2001-2002	204.6	897
2002-2003	154.4#	717#

Estimated.

(e): The Technology Mission on Oilseeds was set up in 1986. In 1985-86 the production of oilseeds was 108.3 lakh tones, and the productivity was 569 Kg./ha. The maximum production was 247.5 lakh tonnes with productivity of 944 Kg./ha. during 1998-99.